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1. HERewith FULL TEXT PAGE A-8 SPECIAL TO THE NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, HEADED "WALDHEIM SUPPORTS MOVE BY KISSINGER TO MEDIATE SOUTHERN AFRICA DISPUTE."

2. UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., SEPT. 16-- SECRETARY GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM TODAY ENDORSED AMERICAN MEDIATION EFFORTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA DESPITE THE SKIPTICISM ABOUT SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER'S SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY EXPRESSED BY SOME AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS.

3. MR. WALDHEIM SAID AT A NEWS CONFERENCE THAT AN "ESCALATION OF VIOLENCE WOULD BE INEVITABLE" SHOULD THE NEGOTIATION PROCESS FAIL.

4. CHALLENGED BY A GHANAIAAN REPORTER'S ASSERTION THAT NOTHING WAS BEING ACCOMPLISHED BY PEACEFUL MEANS, MR. WALDHEIM SAID: "I AM STILL HOPEFUL FOR A NEGOTIATED
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SETTLEMENT; I DO NOT DENY, HOWEVER, THAT THE PROBLEM IS

GETTING MORE AND MORE DIFFICULT."

5. THOUGH PROBLEMS OF RACE RELATIONS IN ALL OF SOUTHERN AFRICA SEEM LIKELY TO DOMINATE THE SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT IS TO OPEN TUESDAY, THE SPECIFIC ISSUE OF SOUTH-WEST AFRICA-RECOGNIZED HERE AS NAMIBIA-POSES THE MOST IMMEDIATE PROBLEM FOR THE UNITED NATIONS.

6. A LONG DELAYED SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, AND MOST COUNCIL DELEGATES FEEL THAT UNLESS PROGRESS CAN BE SHOWN NEXT WEEK THERE WILL BE STRONG PRESSURES FOR IMPOSITION OF ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA. ROBINSON

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